

### Kick off to Childhood Obesity Prevention Month

September 10, 2010 – The Arkansas Department of Education, Office of Coordinated School Health participated in a collaborative effort to help the Honorable First Lady Ginger Beebe proclaim September as Child Obesity Prevention Month in Arkansas.

The presentation of the proclamation was made at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. Arkansas Surgeon General Joe Thompson, First Lady Ginger Beebe, administrators, teachers and students from the Arkansas School for the Deaf, and visitors were in attendance.



Jon Parker, Coach, ASD, provides instruction to his students.



Arkansas Surgeon General Joe Thompson Welcomes everyone.



Students demonstrate warm-up activities they learned from Coach Parker who attended a SPARK curriculum training this summer.



Debby Woods, PANT Coordinator speaks during the press conference.

The Arkansas School for the Deaf was one of 36 schools that were awarded 56 grants to support obesity prevention efforts through the Child Wellness Intervention Project (CWIP). The CWIP Project is a collaborative effort between ADE-CSH, Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, Arkansas Children's Hospital, SPARK and HealthTeacher.com.

